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NETWORK AND NETWORK ATTACHED STORAGE MIXED
ENVIRONMENT

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Examiner: TBD

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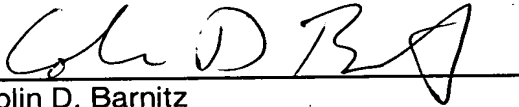
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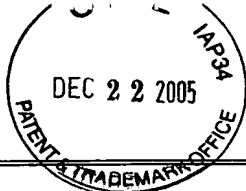
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